Further, Govt. is formulating an enhance Malaria Control Project with World Bank assistance in which interalia. the malaria endamic districts in the State of Andhra Pradesh is proposed to be covered. Central assistance in the form of materials amounting to Rs. 908.26 lakhs has been earmarked to the State of Andhra Pradesh during 1996-97.

Opening of more C.G.H.S,. I.S.M. and H. Dispensaries in Delhi

2504. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for development/expansion of C.G.H.S., Indian System of Medicine and Homopeopathy by opening of more C.G.H.S.Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic dispansaries/Consultation chambers, Addition of more modern drugs in the formularies, Establishment of Homoeopathic Pharmacy Council for Homoeopathic Pharmacists and upgradation of C.G.H.S. units of I.S.M.and H. in Delhi under active consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the details and the action being taken by Government to accept the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) The 9th Five Year Plan has not been finalised yet. Opening of some units under Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic and Unani Systems of medicine had been envisaged, for both Delhi as well as outside Delhi, but this would depend on the resources made available for the 9th Five Year Plan.

There is no proposal at present for establishment of Pharmacy Council for Homoeopathic Pharmacists or for addition of more drugs in the formulary.

Spread of Aids in Pune, Maharashtra

2505. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: PROF. RAM KAPSE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a study conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research and the John Hopkins University of USA as reported in the Sunday Times dated December 29, 1996, AIDS is spreading fast amongst Indian population, with over 21% of population of Pune found HIV positive;

(b) if so, what is Government's latest estimate about the number and percentage of people testing HIV positive and the number of persons suffering from AIDS; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to prevent the spread of this dreaded disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The news item published in Times of India dated 29th Dec. 1996 is based on the publication of an article "Evidence for high prevalence and rapid". Transmission of HIV among individuals attending STD clinics in Pune, India in the Indian Journal of Medical Research. The study was carried out in STD clinics attendees (High risk) and not in the general population.

(b) As on February, 1997, 50984 HIV positive cases have been reported and 3263 number of persons are suffering from AIDS in the country.

(c) In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India, a comprehensive programme is currently under implementation as a centrally sponsored scheme throughout the country. The Strategies of the programme consist of creation of awareness amongst high risk